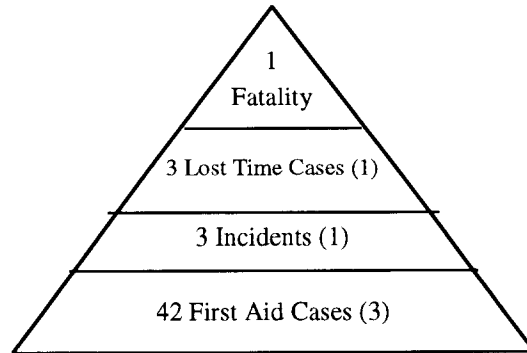


LaRC SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

May 30, 2000

FY 2000 – Civil Servants



() = Number of new occurrences in the last 2 weeks

- The following injuries involving civil service personnel were reported as follows:
 - An Aerodynamics, Aerothermodynamics and Acoustics Competency (AAAC) employee sustained a back injury while leaning over from a ladder. The incident occurred on May 8, 2000, however the incident was not reported until May 15, 2000. (Lost Time Case) Note that it is a requirement that all injuries be reported to the LaRC Safety Manager immediately in accordance with LAPD 1700.4.
 - An Office of Procurement employee slipped in a parking lot and fractured her left ankle. (Incident)
 - A Systems Engineering Competency (SEC) employee fell after tripping on a floor mat. No injuries were sustained. (First Aid)
 - A SEC employee bent over to pick up a tool and struck his head on a machine arm when standing up, sustaining a laceration to his scalp. (First Aid)
 - An AAAC employee slipped on a ramp while leaving a trailer and twisted her back. (First Aid but could become Lost Time)
- On Thursday, May 18, 2000, 16-Foot Transonic Tunnel operators attempted to lower the 180-ton top half of the test section. One of eight turnbuckles was inadvertently left connected. As the hatch was being lowered, the operator noticed that the hatch was not level and stopped. The hatch was raised to its full up position and the seven turnbuckles were reattached. Inspection revealed that the hoist cables on the west side of the hatch had run off of the sheaves. After an assessment of the hoist, riggers were able to place the cables back on the hoist drum and sheaves. Inspection found no damage to the hoist or cables and the facility was returned to service at 6:30 p.m. the same day. The Office of Safety and Facility Assurance is working with line management to implement short-term and long-term corrective action.
- LaRC Safety Policy – Although safety is everyone's responsibility, Facility Safety Heads (FSH) and Facility Coordinators (FC) are responsible for the daily oversight of activities within their assigned facilities and are the focal points for identifying and rectifying safety concerns. Center management should support the efforts of the FSH's and FC's.
- Center management is developing the strategy for continuing to implement the Agency's Safety Initiative. This strategy will be shared with the remaining senior managers after Center Director's approval.